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POWELL'S

are displaying in their Show rooms, a choice selection of this seasons

CRETONNES

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Smokers' Requisites.

We have just received a large and entirely new assortment of smokers requisites, from the celebrated B.B. Factory, including briar, meerschaum and calabash pipes, with and without cases. Qualities ranging from the cheaper kinds to the most luxurious. Also meerschaum and amber, and all amber Cigar and Cigarette Holders, etc., etc.

We specially recommend the new 'Clebo' pipe which embodies the latest contrivances calculated to afford a cool and dry smoke.

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Lolitas in boxes of 25...\$11 per 100.

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IN EVERY CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture,

etc., at Messrs Hughes & Hough's

Sales Rooms.

Amusements.

5.30 p.m.—Harbour Race for cups

presented by the proprietors of the China

Mail, Ltd.

8.15 p.m.—Promenade Concert of Hong-

kong Cricket Club in the Grounds of

the Club.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of Hongkong Cotton

Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.,

close from this date to 25th inst.,

inclusive.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, September 21.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture,

etc., at Mr Murray Ball's residence

"Briarwood," 31, Conduit Rd.

THURSDAY, September 23.

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of Royal Hongkong

Yacht Club at the Office of Messrs

Leigh & Orange.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St.

Andrew's Society at City Hall.

SATURDAY, September 25.

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cotton

Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.,

at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s

Office.

Noon—Meeting of Douglas Steamship

Co., Ltd., at Co's Office.

TUESDAY, September 30.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Lease-

hold Land at Herbert Dent & Co's

Office, Shamshu, Canton.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPT. 17, 1909.

THE LIQUOR DUTIES.

As we anticipated when writing on this

subject last Saturday, the Government,

anxious to give every responsible con-

sideration to the sober opinion of the

Colony, has accepted modifications of its

original scheme regarding the scale

of duties to be adopted in the proposed

new liquor ordinance, while also readily

agreeing to several other alterations

which public opinion has demanded

during the past few days. As originally

drafted the bill proposed that the

following duties should be imposed:—

On all spirituous liquors...\$3.20 per gallon

On all sparkling wines...\$2.00 per gallon

On all still wines...\$1.25 per gallon

On all other intoxicating

liquors, excepting native

wines and spirits...\$0.32 per gallon

On all native wines and

spirits...\$0.15 per gallon

At the first reading of the bill the

Hon. Mr. E. A. HAYES pointed out that

these figures were much too high and

this opinion has been universally en-

dorsed during the interval which has

elapsed between the two meetings of

Council. On Thursday when the bill

came up again, the Acting Attorney

General, in moving its second reading,

said the Government intended to ac-

cise in Committee the figures, \$3.20 per

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 17th August

was delivered in London on the 18th inst.

The schedule in connection with the

Hongkong Horticultural Society's flower

and vegetable show in 1910 has just been

drawn.

The committee of the Y.M.C.A. bath-

ing party are arranging another moonlight

picnic on Monday, 27th inst. The launch

will leave Blakes Pier at 8 p.m. and mem-

bers may invite their friends, ladies or

gentlemen. Light refreshments will be

served, and facilities will be afforded for

gentlemen to bathe.

President Hsu Shih-chang of the

Yenching-pu proposes to raise a fund for the

construction of a railway from Kanyu pro-

vince to Chinese Turkistan and employ the

famine refugees on the work, thus substituting

employment for contributions. The proposal

has met with general approval among his

colleagues.

Europe next year will have a new

king. According to a Prague report, Prince

Nicholas of Montenegro has decided to take

the title of king on the occasion of the 50th

anniversary of his accession, which will

occur on August 14th, 1910. The reports

say it is understood that the Powers will

raise no objection to his doing so.

The Hongkong agent of the Chinese

Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., informs

us that the total output of the Company's

three mines for the week ending 30th

August amounted to 29,234.87 tons, and

the sales during the period to 20,769.10

tons. For the week ending September 4th

the figures are 26,501.44 and 22,196.48

respectively.

A telegram to the N.-O. Daily News

says that it is stated that the managers of

the Unionist party anticipate that at least

three hundred Unionists will be returned

at the general election that will probably

be held in November. This would give to

the Unionists a sufficient control over the

House of Commons against a heterogeneous

nominal majority.

Advices from Batavia to the 4th inst.

tell of further insurrectionary developments

in the island of Flores. A terrible disaster

had just befallen a party of armed police

who fell into an ambush and lost 15 killed.

An armed force to the spot killed 67

of the enemy in an engagement on August

10. A patrol attacked by the enemy on

the same day came off with the loss of 35

killed.

Mr Hiram Maxim, who has just re-

turned to New York after exhibiting his

silent gun at Enfield, Paris, and Regal,

near Berlin, is quoted as saying that he

was profoundly attached a snuff device to

a German machine gun, which dis-

charged 500 shots a minute. The discharges

were smokeless and noiseless. So im-

pressed, according to Mr Maxim, are the

German authorities that they have decided

to equip all Government airships with the

new gun.

Judgment has been given in the case

of Tansada Shotaro, on whose premises the

recent great Osaka fire originated, on

September 4, at the Osaka Ku Sallancho.

He was convicted of having caused the fire

by negligence, and the maximum penalty,

a fine of 1,000, was imposed. If the fine is

not paid he is to be imprisoned for two

hundred days. It is believed that Tansada,

who appeared in Court with a escort of

stalwart friends to protect him from assault,

will pay the fine and will not appeal against

the judgment.

Lord Rosebery, in the course of his

great speech at Glasgow, declared

that the Budget would result in an

immediate increase of the unemployed,

owing to the depletion of capital. No

property would now be sold, and the

position was the gravest since 1882. The

Government, said Lord Rosebery, was at

the parting of the ways, and was moving

along the path of socialism. He considered

that tariff reform would be an evil, but that

socialism would be the end of all things.

To all who know him, Lord Wemyss,

who has entered upon his 80th year, is a

wonder. He still retains all the fire of

youth, he can take as dery a speech in the

House of Lords at that august and solemn

assembly as ever called upon to listen to

as to known military matters as when he

was a member of the House of Commons,

where he sat for forty-two years, and he

can play a round of golf with the story of

"man, half a century his junior. It is one

of the things that Wemyss has done in his

life, and he would, in all probability,

continue to do so to his high age. These

have been his days.

HOW TO PREVENT BLOOD POISON.

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Shipping. **PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES & LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c. THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamer	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due	Due
to	Hongkong	from Colombo to	Marseilles (1st class)	London (1st class)
Steamer	Leave	Steamer	Due	Due
ARABIA	Feb. 6	MANTUA	March 5	March 11
ARABIA	Feb. 13	ARABIA	March 12	March 18
DELTA	March 5	DELTA	April 3	April 9
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Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said. Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at time of booking.

FARES TO LONDON (Including Suez):
1st Saloon.....£71.10 Single. £106.14 Return.
2nd ".....£48.8 " £72.12

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:-

INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS

LONDON,

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

Steamer	Leave	Due
to	Hongkong	London
SYRIA	January 26	March 12
SUMATRA	February 2	March 18
RYANZA	February 9	March 25
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